REGULAR MEETING OF THE RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Shoreview City Hall Council Chambers
4600 North Victoria Street, Shoreview, Minnesota

Approved Minutes

CALL TO ORDER
President Patricia Preiner called the meeting to order, a quorum being present, at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL
Present: President Patricia Preiner, 2nd Vice-Pres. John Waller, Treasurer Steven Wagamon, and Secretary Michael Bradley.

Absent: 1st Vice-Pres. Barbara Haake (with prior notice).

Staff Present: Administrator Phil Belfiori, Lake & Stream Specialist Matt Kocian, Office Manager Theresa Stasica.

Consultants: District Engineer Chris Otterness from Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI); and District Attorney Louis Smith from Smith Partners.

Visitors: None.

SETTING OF THE AGENDA
Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Bradley to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

READING OF THE MINUTES AND THEIR APPROVAL
Minutes of the February 27, 2019 Board of Managers Meeting. Motion by Wagamon, seconded by Manager Bradley to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes of the February 27, 2019 Workshop. Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Waller to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes of the February 28, 2019 Draft WMP Workshop. Motion by Wagamon, seconded by Manager Bradley to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.
**OPEN MIKE – LIMIT 12 MINUTES.** Any RCWD resident may address the Board in his or her individual capacity, for up to three minutes, on any matter not on the agenda. Speakers are requested to come to the podium, state their name and address for the record. Additional comments may be solicited and accepted in writing. Generally, the Board of Managers will not take official action on items discussed at this time, but may refer the matter to staff for a future report or direct that the matter be scheduled on an upcoming agenda.

No comments.

**ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

1. **Consider Draft Work Plan and Timeline for the Bald Eagle Lake (RCD11) Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter Project.**
   
   Lake and Stream Specialist Matt Kocian gave an overview of the Bald Eagle Lake (RCD11) Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter Project and its conceptual layout, work plan, and proposed timeline. He stated that this is very similar to recent projects at Hansen Park and Oasis Pond. The District worked on with Houston Engineering on those projects, and will work with them here again. He stated that this project will require an “assurance” for BWSR to commit to 25 years of operation and maintenance of projects constructed under this grant agreement.

   Manager Bradley stated that he did not remember seeing ditch RCD11 on the list for repair.

   District Engineer Otterness stated that this is a ditch system that, with regard to how it is being managed by the District, has been identified as being in the minor maintenance category. He stated that there is not an immediate need for repair on the system but noted that the ponding will address both water quality and water quantity in the area.

   President Preiner asked how the District’s budget was being adjusted in order to account for 25 years of maintenance as is required by BWSR.

   District Administrator Belfiori stated that this will become a District facility that will be included in the budget annually which means they will be inspected regularly by staff and there will be database records kept as well.

   Manager Wagamon asked why the concept plans showed three separate beds rather than just one large one.

   Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian explained the efficiency and way the separate filter beds work in a series.
Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Waller, to approve the draft work plan and timeline for the Bald Eagle Lake Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter Project as presented and directs staff to submit the materials to BWSR for review. Motion carried 4-0.

2. Consider Draft Work Plan and Timeline for the Lower Rice Creek Stabilization Project
Lake and Stream Specialist Matt Kocian gave a brief overview of the work plan and timeline for the Lower Rice Creek Stabilization project. He explained that it will stabilize eroding streambanks on Rice Creek between Long Lake and Locke Lake and will also reduce sediment to Lower Rice Creek and Locke Lake. He stated that this project will also require an “assurance” for BWSR to commit to 25 years of operation and maintenance of projects constructed under this grant agreement. He stated that because the District does not own the land where the projects are to be built, there must be a project agreement with the City of Fridley and Anoka County Parks.

Manager Bradley asked if there were any concerns with the planned in stream rock bars and trouble with boats navigating.

Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian stated that Lower Rice Creek is no longer managed as a canoe trail, however it is still used as a canoe trail. He does not think there will be any problems for people being able to paddle around them.

Manager Waller asked if the rocks will also slow the flow of the water and potentially help protect railroad bridges from washing out.

Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian stated that it will slow it a bit but are designed to decrease erosion along the banks.

Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Wagamon, to approve the draft work plan and timeline for the Lower Rice Creek Stabilization Project as presented and direct staff to submit the materials to BWSR for review. Motion carried 4-0.

Lake and Stream Specialist Matt Kocian stated that this item is to authorize the District Administrator to execute the BWSR grant agreement for the two projects just reviewed.

Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Wagamon, to authorize the Administrator to execute the attached BWSR grant agreement upon BWSR approval of the work plans for the Bald Eagle Lake Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter and Lower Rice Creek Stabilization Projects with any non-material changes and upon advice of Counsel. Motion carried 4-0.
District Administrator Belfiori expressed his congratulations to the Board for their leadership and noted that the District had received $960,000 in the BWSR clean water legacy grant pool this year, which was the largest amount in the entire State. He commended Project Managers Axtell and Kocian and the rest of the team for their work on developing the grant and moving it forward.

4. Consider Check Register dated March 13, 2019, in the amount of $38,967.69 prepared by Redpath and Company.

Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Bradley, to approve check register dated March 13, 2019, in the amount of $38,967.69, prepared by Redpath and Company. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

1. District Engineer Update and Timeline.

District Engineer Otterness stated that they recently submitted their first package of data to the DNR for the FEMA modeling project.

District Administrator Belfiori stated that he will be testifying tomorrow night for the House file related to the MAWD carp bill. He noted that March 21, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at Hugo City Hall there will be a public hearing for AWJD3. He noted that on March 27, 2019 the County/City Partner Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be held at the Ramsey County-Shoreview Library at 1:00 p.m. He stated that on April 10, 2019 after the regular Board meeting, there will be a draft water management plan workshop on Chapters 5 and 6.

2. Managers Update.

Manager Bradley noted that the Ramsey County Soil and Conservation Division will be holding a presentation on March 18, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on harmful algae blooms and water quality challenges that he plans to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Waller to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.